

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 as follows. Kindly add new claims 9-15 as follows. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

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~~Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processing system comprising:~~

~~an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates original image data corresponding to the original image;~~

~~a discriminating part that, using the original image data generated by the image data generating part, ~~discriminates~~ judges whether a predetermined inhibit image is ~~present~~ included in the original image or not;~~

~~a working part that, if it is ~~judged by~~ the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is ~~present~~ included in the original image, works on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image ~~distinctly~~ different from the original image and then outputs the altered image data thus obtained, and that, if it is ~~judged by~~ the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is not ~~present~~ included in the original image, outputs the original image data as it is generated by the image data generating part; and~~

~~a storing part that stores page by page the image data outputted from the working part.~~

Claim 2 (Original): The image processing system according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~an output form inputting part that inputs an output form of the image data corresponding to each page of the original; and~~

~~a control part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output form~~
inputting part, controls in what order the image data stored in the storing part is to be read out.

Q1 Claim 3 (Original): The image processing system according to claim 2, further comprising:

a composing part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output form inputting part, composes the image data of plural pages stored in the storing part into image data of one page.

Q2 Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~The image processing system according to claim 2,~~
~~further comprising:~~ An image processing system comprising:

an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates image data corresponding to the original image;

a discriminating part that, using the image data generated by the image data generating part, discriminates whether a predetermined inhibit image is present in the original image or not;

a working part that, if it is judged by the discriminating part that the inhibit image is present in the original image, works on the image data to render an image distinctly different from the original image and then outputs the image data thus obtained, and that, if it is judged by the discriminating part that the inhibit image is not present in the original image, outputs the image data as it is generated by the image data generating part;

a storing part that stores page by page the image data outputted from the working part;

an output form inputting part that inputs an output form of the image data corresponding to each page of the original;

~~a control part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output form
inputting part, controls in what order the image data stored in the storing part is to be read out;
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an image rotating part that, in accordance with the output form inputted by the output
form inputting part, generates image data by rotating the image data stored in the storing part.

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Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An image processing method comprising:

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a first inputting step of inputting original image data corresponding to an original image;
a second discriminating step of discriminating judging whether a predetermined inhibit
image is present included in the original image or not by using the original image data generated
in the inputting step in the inputted image data;

a ~~third~~ working step of, if it is judged at the discriminating step that the inhibit image
is present included in the inputted original image data, working on the original image data
including the inhibit image data to render an altered image distinctly different from the original
image and then outputting the altered image data thus obtained, and;

a ~~fourth~~ step of, if it is judged at the discriminating step that the inhibit image is not
present included in the inputted original image data, outputting the inputted original image data
as it is; and

a ~~fifth~~ storing step of storing page by page the image data outputted in the ~~third or the~~
~~fourth~~ working step.

Claim 6 (Original): The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the
image data inputted in the first step has been generated by a predetermined image input system.

~~Claim 7 (Original): The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the image data inputted in the first step has been provided from an external device.~~

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Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An image input system comprising:
an image data generating part that scans an original image and generates original image data corresponding to the original image;
a discriminating part that, using the original image data generated by the image data generating part, ~~discriminates~~ judges whether a predetermined inhibit image is ~~present~~ included in the original image or not; and
SJB, a working part that, if it is ~~judged by~~ the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is ~~present~~ included in the original image, works on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image ~~distinctly~~ different from the original image and then outputs the altered image data thus obtained, and that, if it is ~~judged by~~ the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is not ~~present~~ included in the original image, outputs the original image data as it is generated by the image data generating part.

Claim 9 (New): The image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the working part inverts a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

Claim 10 (New): The image processing system according to claim 1, wherein the discriminating part includes a recognizing unit for recognizing image data representing the

inhibit image and for judging whether the original image contains the image data representing the inhibit image.

Claim 11 (New): The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the step of working on the inhibit image data portion includes inverting a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

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Claim 12 (New): The image processing method according to claim 5, wherein the discriminating includes the steps of:

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recognizing image data representing the inhibit image; and
judging whether the inputted image data contains the image data representing the inhibit image.

Claim 13 (New): The image input system according to claim 8, wherein the working part inverts a gradation of at least one color signal of the inhibited image data portion to render the altered image.

Claim 14 (New): The image input system according to claim 8, wherein the discriminating part includes a recognizing unit for recognizing image data representing the inhibit image and for judging whether the original image contains the image data representing the inhibit image.

~~Claim 15 (New): An image processing system for processing a plurality of images~~
comprising:

~~an image data generating part that scans a plurality of original images and generates original image data corresponding to the original images;~~

~~a discriminating part that, using the original image data generated by the image data generating part, judges whether a predetermined inhibit image is included in each of the original images or not;~~

~~a working part that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is included in the original images, works on the original image data including the inhibit image data to render an altered image different from the original image and then outputs altered image data thus obtains, and that, if the discriminating part judges that the inhibit image is not included in the original images, outputs the original image data as it is generated by the image data generating part; and~~

~~a storing part that stores page by page the image data outputted from the working part.~~